

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

The House passed S. 2136, to extend the final report date and termination date of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States, to provide additional funding for the Commission—clearing the measure for the President.

The House passed H.R. 1561, United States Patent and Trademark Fee Modernization Act of 2003.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S2019–S2176*

**Measures Introduced:** Four bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2159–2162, and S. Res. 308–309. **Pages S2105–06**

#### Measures Passed:

**U.S. Armed Forces Reimbursement:** Committee on Armed Services was discharged from further consideration of S. 2057, to require the Secretary of Defense to reimburse members of the United States Armed Forces for certain transportation expenses incurred by the members in connection with leave under the Central Command Rest and Recuperation Leave Program before the program was expanded to include domestic travel, and the bill was then passed. **Page S2171**

**Jumpstart Our Business Strength (JOBS) Act:** Senate began consideration of S. 1637, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to comply with the World Trade Organization rulings on the FSC/ETI benefit in a manner that preserves jobs and production activities in the United States, to reform and simplify the international taxation rules of the United States, agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, which will be considered as original text for the purpose of further amendment, and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S2025–S2102**

#### Adopted:

Grassley/Baucus Amendment No. 2645, to provide certain modifications to the revenue provisions. **Page S2072**

Grassley/Baucus Amendment No. 2646 (to Amendment No. 2645), modifying provisions relating to leasing. **Page S2072**

Bingaman Amendment No. 2651 (to Amendment No. 2647), to expand the research credit. **Pages S2079–88**

By a unanimous vote of 93 yeas (Vote No. 31), Hatch Amendment No. 2647, to extend and modify the research credit. **Pages S2073–88**

#### Pending:

Dodd Amendment No. 2660, to protect United States workers from competition of foreign workforces for performance of Federal and State contracts. **Page S2088**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, March 3, 2004. **Page S2171**

**Messages From the President:** Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a notification of the continuation of the national emergency blocking property of persons undermining democratic processes or institutions in Zimbabwe; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–69) **Page S2104**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nomination:

Benjamin Grumbles, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. **Page S2176**

**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—31) **Page S2088**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 6:36 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, March 4, 2004. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2171.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for the Department of Energy's Office of Science, Office of Nuclear Energy, Science and Technology, and Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, after receiving testimony from David Garman, Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Raymond L. Orbach, Director, Office of Science, and William D. Magwood, IV, Director, Office of Nuclear Energy, Science and Technology, all of the Department of Energy.

### APPROPRIATIONS: DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on the District of Columbia concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for the government of the District of Columbia, focusing on Court Services, Offender Supervision Agency, and the Public Defender Service, after receiving testimony from Paul A. Quander, Jr., Director, Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency for the District of Columbia; Ronald S. Sullivan, Jr., Director, Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia; and Rev. Donald Isaac, East of the River Clergy-Police-Community Partnership, Washington, D.C.

### APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for the Department of the Army, after receiving testimony from R. Les Brownlee, Acting Secretary of the Army; and General Peter T. Schoomaker, Chief of Staff, Department of the Army.

### DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities concluded a hearing to examine the role of defense science and technology in the global war on terrorism and in preparing for

emerging threats in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2005, after receiving testimony from Dale G. Uhler, Acquisition Executive and Senior Procurement Executive, Special Operations Acquisition and Logistics Center, United States Special Operations Command; Brigadier General Thomas D. Waldhauser, USMC, Commanding General, Marine Corps Warfighting Laboratory, Vice Chief, Office of Naval Research; Brigadier General Charles A. Cartwright, USA, Deputy Commanding General for Systems of Systems Integration, United States Army Research, Development and Engineering Command; Ronald M. Sega, Director, Defense Research and Engineering; Thomas H. Killion, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Research and Technology, Chief Scientist; Rear Admiral Jay M. Cohen, USN, Chief of Naval Research; and James B. Engle, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Science, Technology and Engineering.

### DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Seapower concluded a hearing to examine future Navy and Marine Corps capabilities and requirements in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2005 and the future years defense program, after receiving testimony from John J. Young, Jr., Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition; Vice Admiral John B. Nathman, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Warfare Requirements and Programs; Vice Admiral J. Cutler Dawson, Jr., USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Resources, Requirements and Assessments; Lieutenant General Robert Magnus, USMC, Deputy Commandant for Programs and Resources, Headquarters, United States Marine Corps; and Lieutenant General Edward Hanlon, Jr., USMC, Commanding General, Combat Development Command, United States Marine Corps.

### 2005: BUDGET

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee met to mark up a proposed concurrent resolution setting forth the fiscal year 2005 budget for the Federal Government, but did not complete consideration thereon, and will meet again tomorrow.

### CLIMATE CHANGE

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the impact and consequences of climate change, focusing on its implications for society, effects of burning of fossil fuels (coal, oil, and natural gas), and climate variability and changes across the Arctic region, including issues relative to UV radiation, after receiving